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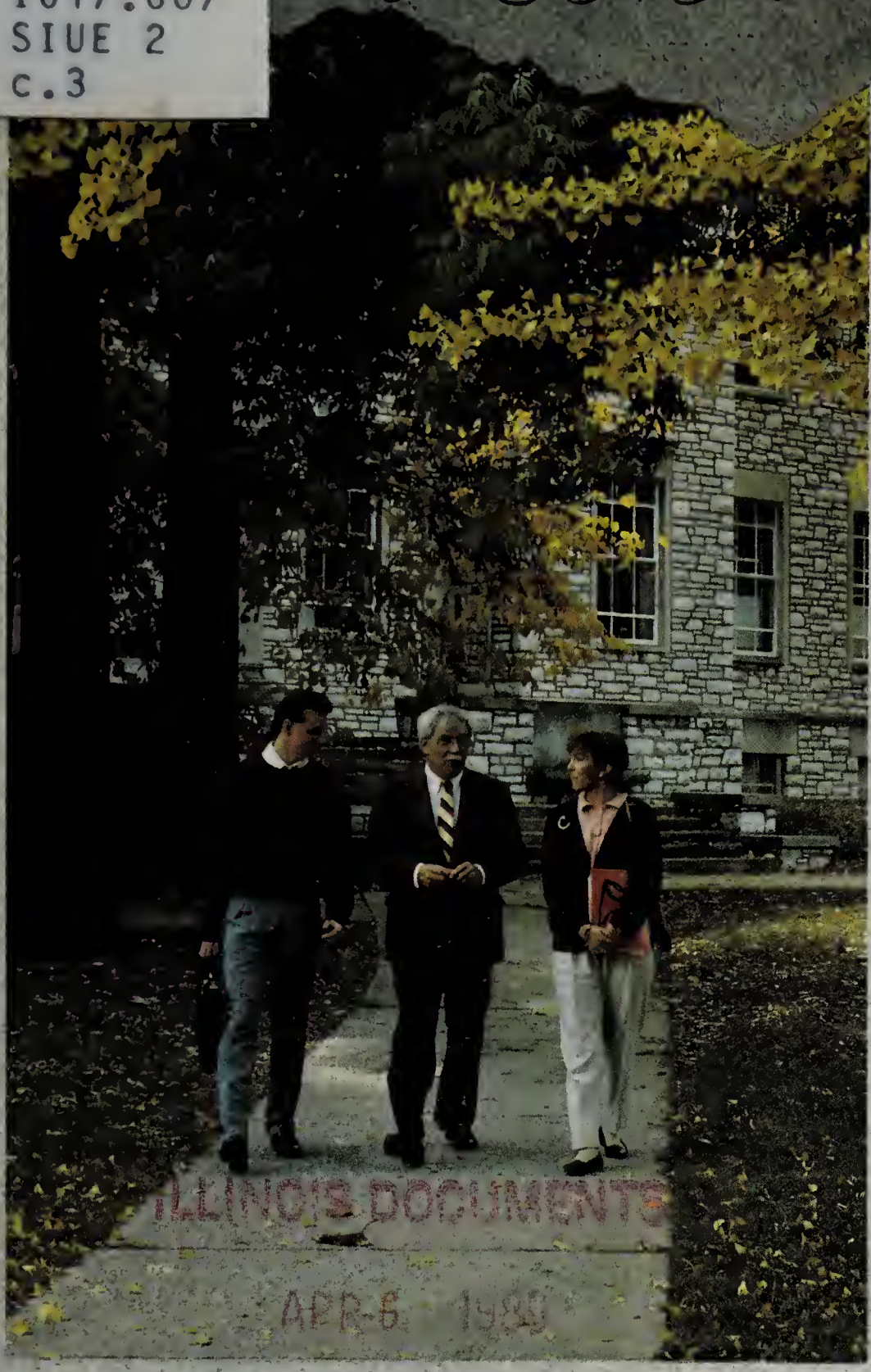

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SIU

Southern Illinois University
School of Dental Medicine

About the School

The Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine, established in 1969, is located in Alton, Illinois, just minutes from St. Louis, Missouri. The location of the school offers dental students a unique combination of a small-town environment and a major metropolitan area.

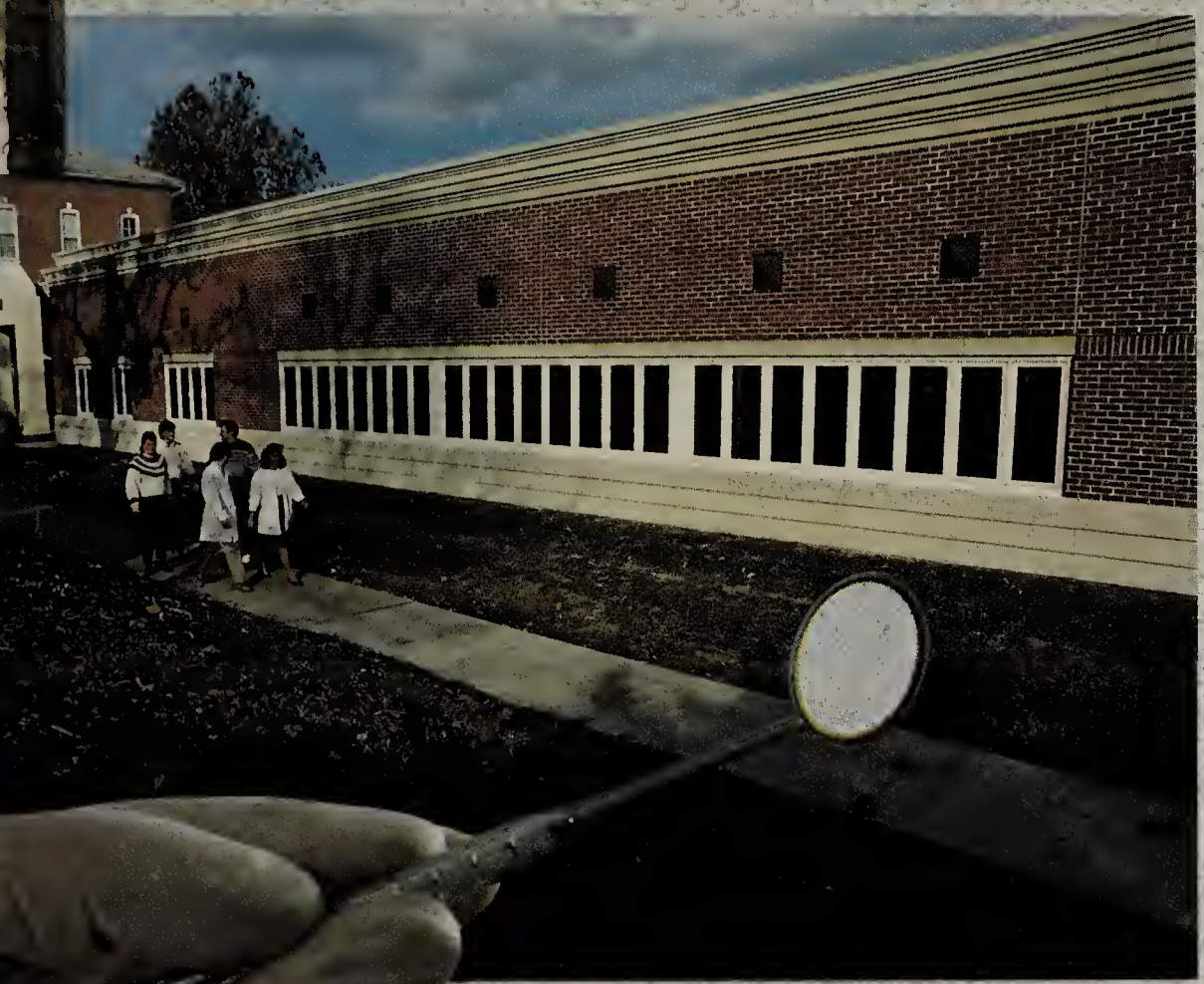
With approximately 200 students, the School's small student body and the intimate environment of the campus promote an unusually high level of interaction among the students and faculty.

The campus includes a new and expanded dental clinic with 72 patient care stations for student clinical experience, a comprehensive biomedical library, biomedical and clinical research laboratories and a summer research program available to those students who are interested in gaining research experience.

Housing is available in many nearby apartments and private homes. SIU School of Dental Medicine staff members are available to assist students in finding the type of housing they prefer.

Professional opportunities

The SIU School of Dental Medicine has an active professional placement service to assist its students in choosing and pursuing their personal post-graduate interests. Approximately half of the School's new graduates traditionally enter private practice. Approximately 25 percent choose to continue their education in graduate residency and specialty programs in hospitals and universities throughout the country.



Others pursue options including military or public health service, dental research, dental education, and careers with a variety of government agencies.

About the program

The four-year dental education program at SIU is fully accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Accreditation.

This program successfully combines classroom experience with research activities and clinical practice. In their first year of study, students learn the basics of biomedical and clinical science. The second year presents further biomedical information and an introduction to direct patient care. The third year focuses predominantly on clinical instruction in patient care. The major part of the fourth year is devoted to comprehensive patient care.

In addition, the School offers a fully accredited one year General Practice Residency in Dentistry. The residency provides an opportunity for recent dental graduates to advance their knowledge and skills in general dentistry.

Life after class

The Administration/Student Union Building provides recreation areas complemented by an on-campus gym. In addition, transportation is available to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville where dental students have access to all campus facilities including the main library, bookstore, swimming pools, weight room, racquetball courts, gymnasium and outdoor facilities for tennis and other sports.

Only 30 minutes from campus is St. Louis, Missouri, the exciting gateway to the West. The city hosts many activities, including old-time melodrama on a riverboat; Six Flags Over Mid America amusement park; professional baseball and hockey; Union Station; the St. Louis Zoo; Art Museum; Botanical Gardens; the Muny Opera and Fox Theater, featuring top entertainers and Broadway plays; the St. Louis Symphony, recognized as one of the best symphonies in the country; conce and dance performances; shopping; restaurants and much more

About the faculty

The faculty of the SIU School of Dental Medicine, comprised of 42 full-time and 49 part-time educators and practitioners, represent general practice and all eight specialty areas in dentistry. Members of the faculty are recognized for their excellence in teaching, and are active in dental research, professional dental organizations and private practice.

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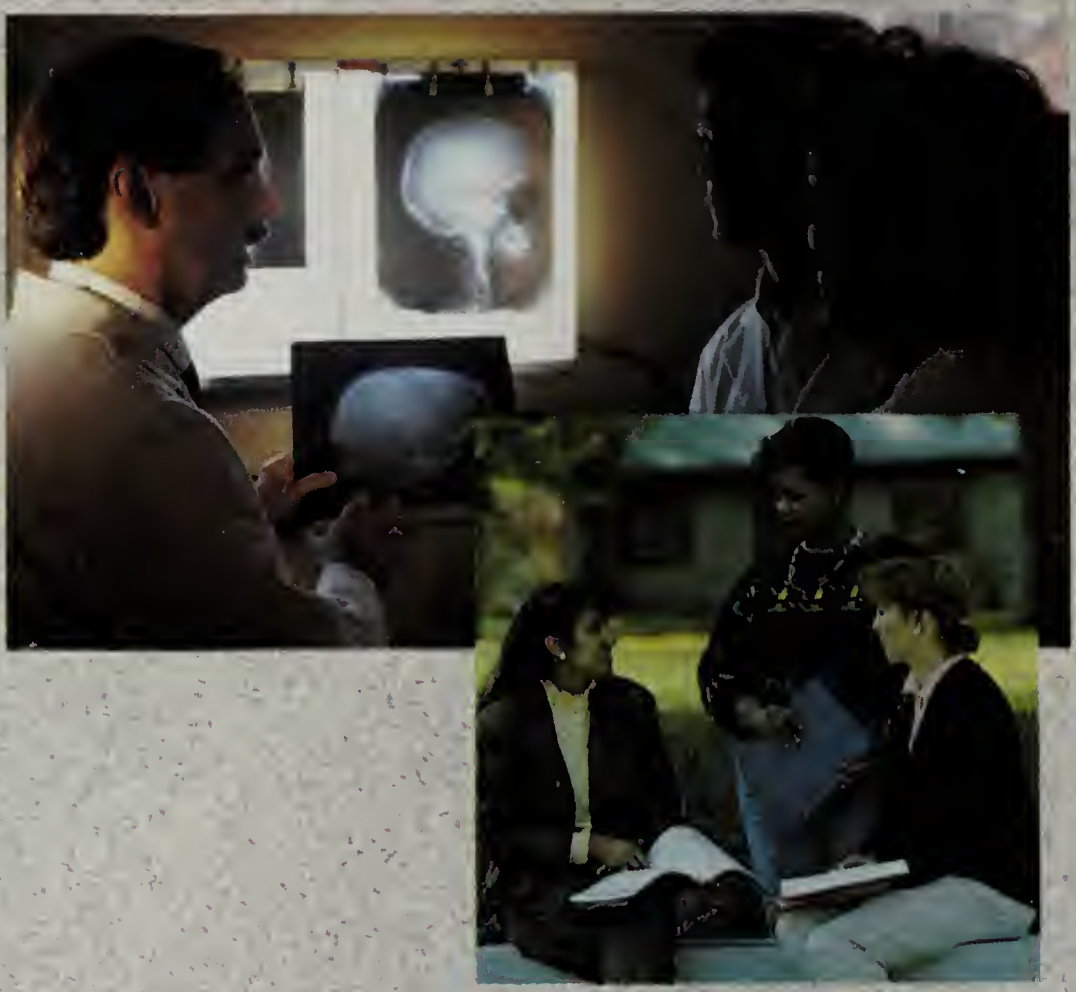

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The Dental School actively assists students who are in need of financial aid, especially since first- and second-year students are strongly urged to refrain from engaging in part-time employment because of the rigorous educational program. Financial counseling is provided for students on an ongoing basis.

The School of Dental Medicine, in conjunction with the Student Work and Financial Assistance Office at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, administers a number of federal, state and institutional financial aid programs. These include scholarships, grants and loans. For additional information, call 618-463-3976.

Cost

The overall cost for attending the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine is among the *lowest* for a dental school education in the country because of the low tuition and reasonable cost of living in the Alton area. Information concerning actual expenses can be obtained by returning the attached postage-paid reply card or by phoning 618-463-3864.

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For additional information

Please return the attached postage-paid card or contact the SIU School of Dental Medicine, Admissions Office, 2800 College Avenue, Alton, IL 62002 (phone 618-463-3864) for additional information.

Alton is just minutes from downtown St. Louis, Missouri.

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I am interested in the SIU School of Dental Medicine. Please send me the following:

____ School of Dental Medicine application

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____ Financial Aid information

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Admission

The minimum academic requirements for admission to the SIU School of Dental Medicine include successful completion of two academic years (60 semester or 90 quarter hours) of course work at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville or another accredited institution of higher learning. The specific subjects or equivalents which must be included in a preparatory program are:

	Semester Hours	Quarter Hours
*Inorganic chemistry	6	9
*Organic chemistry	4	6
*Biology/Zoology	6	9
*Physics	6	9
English	6	9

**These courses must include a combination of laboratory and lecture instruction.*

All applicants must also take the Dental Admission Test. These requirements are consistent with those established by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association.

A unique combined arts and sciences dental curriculum leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Medicine is available for students interested in attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for their undergraduate degree.

The preprofessional part of the curriculum is completed in just three years on the Edwardsville campus, and the professional part at the School of Dental Medicine in Alton, Illinois. Information concerning acceptance into this program may be obtained by contacting the School of Dental Medicine Admissions Office.

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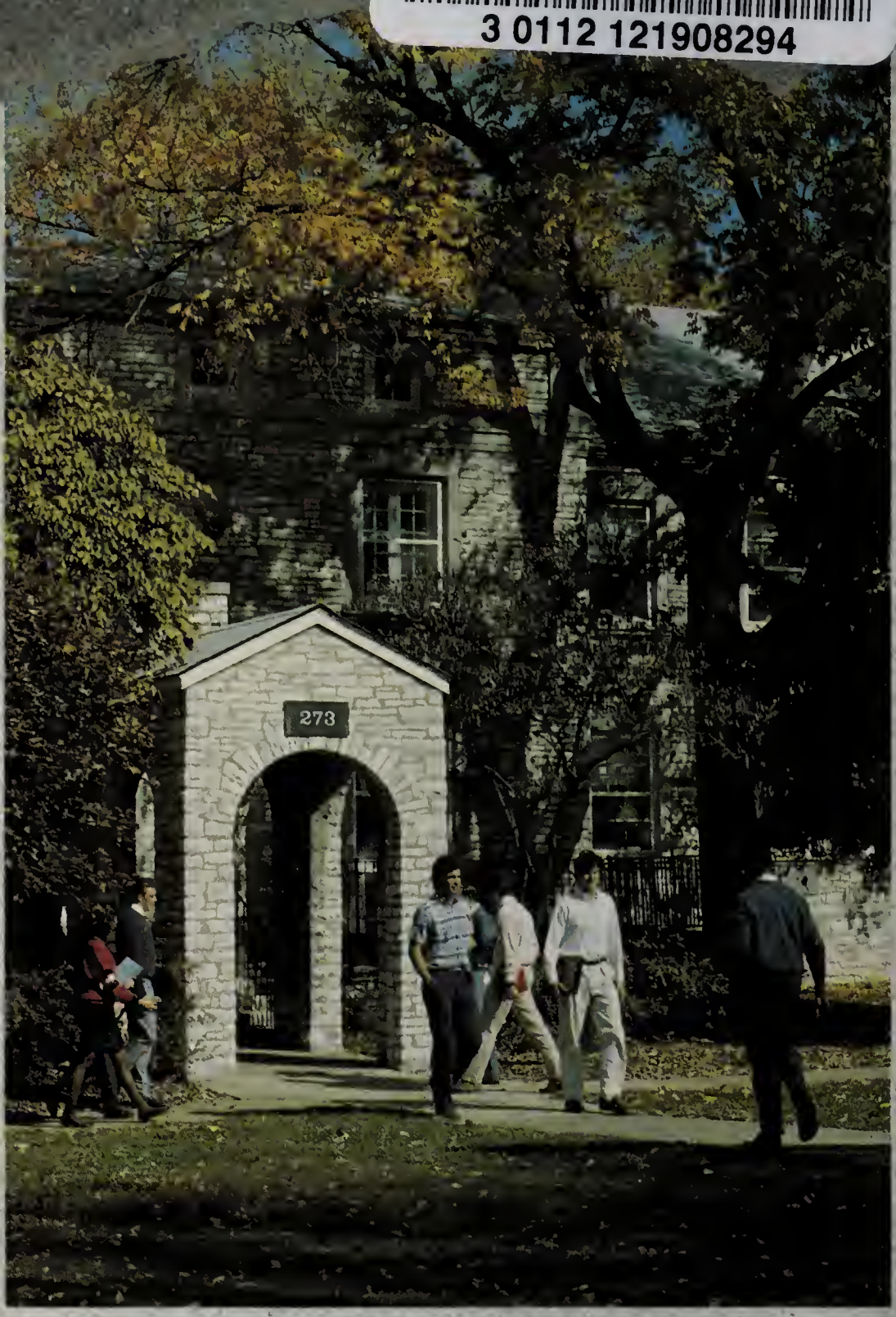

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